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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

HANZE WANG,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 04-71056

Agency No. A75-589-224

MEMORANDUM^{*}

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Argued and Submitted June 15, 2006
San Francisco, California

Before: GOODWIN, O'SCANNLAIN, and THOMAS, Circuit Judges.

Inconsistencies the BIA cited in Wang's testimony concerning his wife's abortion and his threat of sterilization provide substantial evidence for the adverse credibility finding. *Li v. Ashcroft*, 378 F.3d 959, 964 (9th Cir. 2004).

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Inconsistencies in Wang's testimony about his religious persecution do not "go to the heart of" his claim for asylum based on family planning persecution, but they contribute to the failure of the petitioner to persuade the IJ that he was a credible witness. *Kaur v. Gonzales*, 418 F.3d 1061, 1066 (9th Cir. 2005).

Because substantial evidence supports the adverse credibility finding, and the petitioner's conflicting stories do not reveal compelling reasons to go beyond the credibility issue to re-examine the merits, the petition is DENIED.